Attorney Docket No.   03398/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant   : Y. GOTFRIED

Serial No.   : 10/616,218

Filed   : JULY 8, 2003

For   : INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL SYSTEM AND
                METHOD FOR FIXATION OF A FRACTURED
                BONE

Art Unit   : 3733

Examiner   : DAVIS, DANIEL J.

Customer No. : 01933

RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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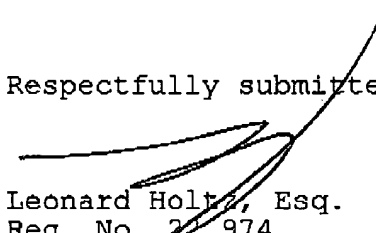
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed

March 28, 2006, the term for response to which is extended by

one-month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on

May 28, 2006.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-28, drawn to

an apparatus, for further prosecution on the merits, without

traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits

now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

May 26, 2006

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